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In re Application of:

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AND A COLOR IMAGE PROCESSOR )

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant bringS to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicant does not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. Hei 9-186894 is discussed on page 36 of the specification. Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. Hei 8-65534 is discussed on page 10 of the specification. Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. Hei 8-204973 is discussed on pages 6, 8 and 11 of the specification. Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. Hei 8-116456 is discussed on pages 7 and page 7 and 35 of the specification. Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. Hei 7-87347 is discussed on pages 8, 11, 34 and 36 of the specification

Copies of the listed document are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

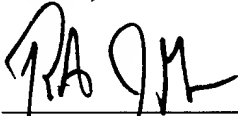
This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each of all of the listed documents are material or constitute "Prior Art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "Prior Art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

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**EXCEPT** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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